

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A communication device, comprising:
a plurality of input keys, each of the plurality of input keys configured
5 to generate a unique input key signal;
a processor coupled to the plurality of input keys, the processor
configured to accept input key signals;
memory coupled to the processor, the memory configured to store a
plurality of messages, each of the plurality of messages corresponding to and
10 selectable by a unique identifier generated by at least one input key signal; and
a transmitter coupled to the processor, the transmitter configured to
transmit a message selected from the plurality of messages by the at least one
input key signal, the message transmitted as a voice message.
- 15 2. The communication device of claim 1, further comprising a
microphone coupled to the processor, the microphone configured to receive a
spoken message of a user, wherein the processor is further configured to
digitize the spoken message to be stored in the memory as a voice message of
the plurality of messages.
- 20 3. The communication device of claim 1, wherein the plurality of
messages comprises a text message.
4. The communication device of claim 3, wherein the communication
25 device further comprises a text-to-speech converter configured to convert the
text message into a voice message before transmission.
5. The communication device of claim 1 further comprising a receiver
coupled to the processor, the receiver configured to receive a call, wherein the
30 processor is configured to convert the selected message into a voice message
during the call before transmission of the selected message in response to the
call.

6. The communication device of claim 1, further comprising a display configured to display the unique and selectable identifiers for the plurality of messages.
- 5 7. A method in a communication device for transmitting a voice message, the method comprising:
- storing a message in memory;
 - identifying the stored message by at least one input key of a plurality of input keys of the communication device;
 - 10 selecting the stored message by the at least one key; and
 - transmitting the selected stored message as a voice message.
8. The method of claim 7, wherein storing a message in memory comprises storing a digitized voice message of a user in memory.
- 15 9. The method of claim 7, wherein storing a message in memory comprises storing a text message in memory.
10. The method of claim 9, further comprising converting the text message into a voice message by utilizing a text-to-speech converter before
- 20 transmitting the selected stored message.
11. The method of claim 7, further comprising:
- receiving a call before selecting the stored message by the at least one
 - 25 key;
 - accepting the call in response to receiving the call; and
 - transmitting the selected stored message as a voice message during the call.

12. A method in a communication device for responding to a call by transmitting a voice message, the method comprising:
storing a plurality of messages in a memory;
uniquely identifying each of the plurality of messages in the memory;
5 receiving the call;
responding to the call by completing the call;
selecting one of the plurality of messages in the memory; and
transmitting the selected message as a voice message.
- 10 13. The method of claim 12, wherein the plurality of messages are stored in the memory by recording a plurality of spoken messages by a user.
14. The method of claim 12, wherein each of the plurality of messages in the memory are uniquely identified by assigning a unique tag to each of the
15 plurality of messages, the unique tag comprising at least one input key stroke of a plurality of input keys of the communication device.
15. The method of claim 14, wherein selecting one of the plurality of messages in the memory comprises entering at least one input key stroke of
20 the plurality of input keys of the communication device corresponding to a unique tag assigned to a desired message of the plurality of message in memory.
16. The method of claim 14, further comprising:
25 displaying a set of the plurality of messages including unique tags on a display; and
selecting one of the displayed messages by inputting the corresponding unique tag with at least of the plurality of input keys.

17. A communication device, comprising:
a message storage module configured to store a plurality of messages,
each of the plurality of messages having a corresponding identifier;
a display coupled to the message storage module, the display configured
5 to display a set of corresponding identifiers of the plurality of messages;
a message selector coupled to the message storage module, the
message selector configured to select a message of the plurality of messages
by a corresponding identifier; and
a transmitter coupled to the message selector configured to transmit a
10 selected message.
18. The communication device of claim 17, further comprising:
a microphone configured to accept a spoken message; and
a digitizer coupled to the microphone and to the message storage
15 module, the digitizer configured to convert the spoken message into a digitized
data compatible with the message storage module.
19. The communication device of claim 17, further comprising a keypad
coupled to the message storage module and to the message selector, the
20 keypad configured to generate a text message to be stored in the message
storage module and to generate identifiers for the plurality of messages, the
keypad further configured to accept an identifier used by the message selector.
20. The communication device of claim 19, further comprising a text-to-
25 speech converter coupled to the message selector, the text-to-speech converter
configured to convert a selected text message to a voice message.